

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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-- A method of protection against the copying of digital data stored on an information carrier envisages, on the basis of a first identification of an encryption of the digital data and of a second identification of a watermarking of digital data, the determination of a first mark if it has been possible to identify the encryption and the watermarking. A third identification of a type of the information carrier is followed by the determination of a second mark if it has been possible to determine the first mark and if it has been possible to identify a determined type of information carrier. A fourth identification of cryptographic signature data accompanying the digital data is followed by the determination of a third mark if it has been possible to determine the second mark and if it has been possible to identify a cryptographic signature datum. A permission for digital copying of the digital data is delivered if it has been possible to determine the third mark. --

REMARKS

The title has been amended to conform with the translated title of the published application (WO 00/17871).

The specification has been amended to include a reference to the priority application.

The above amendments to the claims have been made to eliminate the multiple dependencies, eliminate reference indicia and to meet the requirements of the United States.